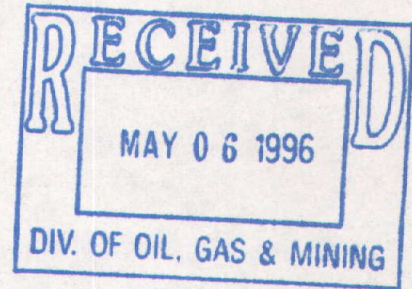




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IN REPLY REFER TO: 3809

UTU-74914
(UT-045)

May 3, 1996

Certified Mail # P 191 421 665 - Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Stephen Laub
P.O. Box 400
Santa Clara, UT 84765



Dear Mr. Laub:

This will acknowledge receipt of your Notice to work in T. 39 S., R. 19 W., sec. 10 on the Dolomite Stone unpatented claims. The BLM case file for this Notice is UTU-74914. The "Guidelines to Prevent Undue or Unnecessary Degradation" for this Notice are attached.

A copy of the information provided in the Notice has been forwarded to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (UDOGM). Therefore, you are not required to submit an application to UDOGM; however, reclamation of the work done under this Notice is required to comply with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. A copy of the UDOGM Operation and Reclamation Practices is attached. If you cannot comply with any of these, you must request a variance from UDOGM. Their address is:

Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
355 W. North Temple
3 Triad Center, Ste. 350
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Attn: D. Wayne Hedberg

Acceptance of this Notice will not now, or in the future, serve as a determination of the validity of any mining claim to which it may relate. As we discussed on the site on April 30, the BLM does not consider landscape rock to be locatable. We will therefore request a mineral examination to determine the validity of your claim. Until the matter is resolved, it would be in your interest to maintain records of the amount of stone removed and sold.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Gore at this office at extension 205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James D. Crisp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

James Crisp
Area Manager

Enclosure -

ORP - 1 page

Guidelines - 2 pages

cc: UDOGM

IV. OPERATION AND RECLAMATION PRACTICES (Rule R647-3-107, 108 & 109)
as taken from Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (form MR-SMO)

The reclamation and operation obligation is to keep the area clean and safe, minimize hazards to public safety, return the land to a useful condition, and reestablish at least 70 percent of the premining vegetative ground cover. To accomplish this, the operator will need to perform reclamation concurrently, or at the completion (within one (1) year) of mining:

1. Keep the mining operation in a safe, clean, and environmentally stable condition.
2. Permanently seal all shafts and tunnels to prevent unauthorized or accidental entry.
3. Plug drill holes with a five foot cement surface plug. Holes that encounter fluids are to be plugged in the subsurface to prevent aquifer contamination.
4. Construct berms, fences, or barriers, when needed, above highwalls and excavations.
5. Remove, isolate, or neutralize all toxic materials in a manner compatible with federal and state regulations.
6. Remove all waste or debris from stream channels.
7. Dispose of any trash, scrap metal, wood, machinery, and buildings.
8. Conduct mining activities so as to minimize erosion and control sediment.
9. Reclaim all roads that are not part of a permanent transportation system.
10. Stockpile topsoil and suitable overburden prior to mining.
11. Stabilize highwalls by backfilling or rounding to 45 degrees or less, where feasible; reshape the land to near its original contour, and redistribute the topsoil and suitable overburden.
12. Properly prepare seedbed to a depth of six inches by ripping, discing, or harrowing.
13. Reseed disturbed areas with adaptable species. (The Division recommends seeding 20 lbs./acre of native and introduced species of grass, forb, and browse seed, and will provide a specific species list if requested.)
14. Plant the seed with a rangeland or farm drill, or if broadcast seeded, harrow or rake the seed 1/4-1/2 inch into the soil - fall is the preferred time to seed.

GUIDELINES TO PREVENT UNDUE OR UNNECESSARY DEGRADATION

Except for work to the extent necessary to preserve evidence of mineralization, and roads needed for the continuation of mineral-related operations, all work conducted under a mining Notice (43 CFR 3809.1-3) must be reclaimed prior to beginning any work under a new Notice.

All required Federal, State, and County permits must be obtained prior to starting operations. In the event that work must be done before the permit can be issued (for example - a facility must be constructed and inspected prior to Division of Water Quality issuing a permit) the authorized officer will allow the necessary work to proceed to the extent necessary to obtain the permit.

All operations conducted under this Notice will be conducted in a manner that will prevent unnecessary or undue degradation, and provide protection of nonmineral resources on the Federal lands.

Native Vegetation: Where possible, major vegetation (pinyon trees and junipers) will be avoided during the operation. Where they cannot be avoided, they will be stacked out of the way for use during reclamation.

Archaeological: No sites were identified in the specified work area. If any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) is discovered on Federal land, it shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. All operations in the immediate area of such a discovery shall be suspended until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer.

Threatened or Endangered Species: If any species listed as threatened or endangered is encountered, the operator shall immediately suspend operations and report the incident to the authorized officer.

Refuse: The sites shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times, and waste materials shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment.

Reclamation: Reclamation will consist of:

1. Reshaping the site to a natural appearing contour.
2. Reclaiming the access road from the Butcher Knife Canyon road to the site.
3. Spreading the salvaged soil and fines material over the site.
4. Seeding the site with:

Common Name	Species	lbs/ac
Desert bitterbrush	Purshia glandulosa	1
Yellow sweetclover	Melilotus officinalis	1
Lewis flax	Linum lewisii	1
Palmer penstemon	Penstemon palmeri (Cedar)	1
Indian ricegrass	Oryzopsis hymenoides (Paloma)	2
Pubescent wheatgrass	Agropyron trichophorum	4
Smooth brome	Bromus inermis	2
Russian wildrye	Elymus junceus	2
Galleta	Hilaria jamesii	2

The authorized officer shall be notified when the reclamation is completed. An inspection will then be made to determine the acceptability of the reclamation.

Annual Update: If operations described in this Notice shall continue for more than one year, the authorized officer must be notified on the anniversary of the Notice. This notification is required regardless of the time period stated in the Notice.